

DRIVING FORCE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB  
1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2024  
Cleveland Avenue - YMCA

**Pre- Meeting:**

22 members present

Moment of Silence and prayer for the passing of charter member Charlie Lassiter.

Introduction of first time visitors. There were 3 people who stood (one was considering joining DF).

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President Hattie Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:53AM.

President Robinson shared a Prayer.

Nancy Lawrence passed out meeting packets.

Members were asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes requested.

Introduction of new board members for 2024.

Cindy Ashley made a correction to the October 21, 2023 meeting Minutes. She said Mars Venus was not a fundraiser for, but instead it was in support of ASU Golf.

Announcement of Voting on ARTICLES VII and XII - members need to have paid dues to be able to vote.

President Robinson asked that people be present at meetings, as it is a fellowship opportunity and will help to build relationships. For members who cannot attend meeting, we could look at ZOOM attendance.

Nancy passed out the ballot to vote on ARTICLES VII and XII.

Deborah Harris read names of members eligible to vote.

Cindy said that the ballot online was not able to match the one on paper and explained how to vote online - at eligibility.

Nancy asked for clarity on those who are eligible to vote: To be eligible to vote members must participate in at least 3 activities (18 and/or 9 hole league play, DF clinics or tournaments). Dues must be paid in full.

AL/GA Shootout Tournament was canceled because GA could not reserve a golf course.

## **BUDGET**

Deb Harris shared the financial report from last quarter through January 20, 2024.

No questions on the financial report.

The Proposed Budget for 2024 was distributed.

Deb Harris presented the proposed budget. Shared the overages on the budget and talked about increasing the dues to \$100 for 60 members or DF will need to eliminate or reduce a few budget items.

Question was asked about what Associate Members get for their dues. They are eligible for league play awards. This membership does not include the right to vote, banquet or luncheon ticket.

Karen suggested to save funds that we do not donate \$300 to Leo Golf or ASU Golf team.

Essie said Leo golf was a part of DF's mission and this donation should remain.

Doris said she would be in favor of eliminating end trophies and ball markers to save funds.

Essie suggested looking at the President's discretionary budget of \$500 to save funds as this was not always in the budget.

President Robinson said she would like the President's funds to stay. She asked if there was a motion on this matter. There was none.

President said to increase the dues we would have to change the bylaws and suggested instead to charge an access fee of \$25 to \$35 dollars - to be notified in June for fees due by July.

Karen Laneaux moved to reduce the end prizes by \$500 and delete \$300 donation to ASU.

Cherrie Walker suggested the money for signature pins be paid for out of the President's funds.

Kim moved to amend Karen's motion to also delete \$300 to Leo Golf because DF would be paying for tournament fees at The Legacy Tournament in June. It was clarified that DF would be volunteering and not playing in the Tournament. Kim withdrew her amendment.

## **VOTE**

**13 yea, 0 nah** voted on the motion to reduce league awards and end of year gift by \$500 and delete \$300 donation to ASU. (16 eligible voters were present).

With the vote, Deb reduced the amounts from the budget.

There was further discussion on what awards could be purchased with the reduced amount. Karen made a motion that the discussion and decision regarding awards be referred to Committee.

President moved on to question about the President's fund in regard to Essie's suggestion  
No motion was made.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kim Davis went over the 2024 League Calendar. She highlighted the Sock Drive, and the new this year the Pitch, Chip and Putt competition, as well as the Match Play events.

Karen presented a Player Development calendar for March.

President Robinson shared a new local rule for lost ball or ball out of bounds.

Charlie Lassiter arrangements were shared by Sharon Ross who read a message from the family with funeral details.

President Robinson shared that tee times will be sent to players who signed up by 6pm Friday for Saturday League Play.

Golf cards will be left in the clubhouse /pro shop the morning of play.

Kim asked members if it would be ok to receive text messages in addition to emails - None opposed.

Deborah said when you sign up for TEAMS you are committing to play every month. Also, she asked that people let her know their handicap or if they need an explanation of how handicaps are calculated.

President shared 6 tips for faster play and asked members to try them out this year.

DF will have 2 banners hanging this year, one at Gateway and one at Lagoon.

Kim reminded everyone to arrive on time to play.

Essie suggested GHIN scoring has Double Bogey + 1 or 2 and how we might adopt those rules.

>Deborah Harris advised Essie that she was talking about the 18 hole GHIN rules and they were not applicable to the 9 hole. And that our current 9 hole are already based on Double Par +1.

>President Robinson stated that the League Play Committee will be reviewing the Double Par + 1 maximum scoring as there have been concerns about the time element when playing this maximum.

President acknowledged and thanked Cindy and her Board for their work last year.

Meeting adjourned 12:41PM

Submitted by:

Ouida Washington, Secretary